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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF  
AUTHORITATIVE LAO REPEAT LAO LANGUAGE TEXT OF PROTOCOL TO  
VIENTIANE AGREEMENT:

PROTOCOL  
TO AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE  
AND RECONCILIATION IN LAOS

IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION  
OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION WHICH BOTH SIDES AGREED UPON  
AND SIGNED ON 21 FEBRUARY 1973, THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT  
SIDE AND THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO A  
PROTOCOL CONTAINING DETAILED PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS:

PART ONE  
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION

ARTICLE I

A. TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 6 AND 7 OF  
THE AGREEMENT, A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION  
MUST BE FORMED CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING: ONE PRIME  
MINISTER WHO IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE NUMBER OF THE TWO  
EQUAL SIDES; TWO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS, ONE FROM THE  
PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE HOLDING ONE PORTFOLIO AND ONE FROM  
THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE HOLDING ONE PORTFOLIO;  
MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE TOTALING 25 PERSONS AND  
12 MINISTRIES ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING:

-- MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND WAR VETERANS  
-- MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
-- MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
-- MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE  
-- MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND PLANNING  
-- MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, PROPAGANDA AND TOURISM  
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-- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, FINE ARTS, SPORTS AND YOUTH  
-- MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
-- MINISTRY OF RELIGION  
-- MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
-- MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION  
-- MINISTRY OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

B. EACH MINISTRY SHOULD HAVE ONE MINISTER AND ONE  
SECRETARY OF STATE WHO ARE TOGETHER RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR  
MINISTRY.

C. CONCERNING THE SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION, THE  
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION WILL ESTABLISH

IT SO THAT EMPLOYEES ARE INTEGRATED APPROPRIATELY FOR THE NEW DUTIES AND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES. IN THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL CONCORD, MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION FOR RESHUFFLING EMPLOYEES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. EMPLOYEES OF BOTH SIDES MUST BE INTEGRATED AND PLACED ACCORDING TO THEIR COMPETENCE BASED ON MODALITIES AGREED BY BOTH SIDES.

## ARTICLE II

A. MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND FROM THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE, AND OF QUALIFIED PERSONS WHO ARE FOR PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY AND DEMOCRACY AND WHO DO NOT BELONG TO EITHER OF THE FOREGOING SIDES, AS AGREED UPON BY THE TWO SIDES. THE MANNER OF DIVISION IS AS FOLLOWS:

### VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE

ONE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOUR (4) MINISTERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE MINISTRIES, NAMELY: EDUCATION, FINE ARTS, SPORTS AND YOUTH; DEFENSE AND WAR VETERANS; INTERIOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE; FINANCE; AND PUBLIC HEALTH, PLUS SIX (6) SECRETARIES OF STATE, FIVE OF WHOM WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO MINISTRIES HEADED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE AND ONE IN A MINISTRY HEADED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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A "QUALIFIED PERSON" AS MINISTER.

### PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE

ONE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOUR (4) MINISTERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE MINISTRIES, NAMELY: FOREIGN AFFAIRS; PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION; ECONOMY AND PLANNING; INFORMATION, PROPAGANDA AND TOURISM; AND RELIGION, PLUS SIX (6) SECRETARIES OF STATE, FIVE OF WHOM WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO MINISTRIES HEADED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND ONE IN A MINISTRY HEADED BY A "QUALIFIED PERSON" AS MINISTER.

QUALIFIED PERSONS WHO ARE FOR PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY AND DEMOCRACY

TWO MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MINISTRIES OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FOR JUSTICE.

B. THE DISTRIBUTION OF PORTFOLIOS AND LIST OF NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION WILL BE ON A SEPARATE LIST.

ARTICLE III

WITH REFERENCE TO PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 7 AND 8  
OF THE AGREEMENT, THE POLITICAL POLICY OF THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION WILL BE BASED ON THE 1962  
GENEVA ACCORDS AND ON THE SUGGESTIONS OF THE JOINT NATIONAL  
POLITICAL COUNCIL -- WITH A VIEW TO HAVING A LONG LASTING  
PEACE, OBSERVING THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE PEOPLE,  
CARRYING OUT A FOREIGN POLICY BASED ON INDEPENDENCE AND  
NEUTRALITY, WORKING TOWARD NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND UNITY,  
AND TO BUILDING LAOS INTO A PEACEFUL, INDEPENDENT, NEUTRAL,  
DEMOCRATIC, UNIFIED AND PROSPEROUS COUNTRY.

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ARTICLE IV

A. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION WORKS

ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF UNANIMITY BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN ALL IMPORTANT NATIONAL MATTERS. ALL MAJOR ISSUES INVOLVING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICIES OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION WILL BE FIRST DISCUSSED AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED UPON AT THE CABINET MEETING.

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MOVEMENTS OF MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION MUST STEM FROM PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION POLITICAL PROGRAMS AND DECISIONS OF THE CABINET.

B. BECAUSE OF THE MIXED NATURE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION, IT IS NECESSARY TO REACH A MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OR BETWEEN MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE IN EVERY MINISTRY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES OR PLANNING OF POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

C. WHICHEVER SIDE IS IN CHARGE OF A MINISTRY SHOULD BEAR TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT. IF THE POSITION OF A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT FROM EITHER SIDE IS VACANT FOR WHATEVER REASON, THAT SIDE SHOULD APPOINT SOMEONE FROM THAT SIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO SUBSTITUTE FOR HIM. SHOULD ANY VACANCY OCCUR IN EITHER SIDE FOR ANY REASON, REPLACEMENT CAN BE MADE BY THE CONCERNED SIDE. IN CASE OF A "QUALIFIED PERSON" MUTUAL APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE HIS PLACE WILL BE MADE BY BOTH SIDES. THESE REPLACEMENTS MUST RECEIVE THE APPROVAL OF THE CABINET.

D. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION WILL BE DISSOLVED WHEN THE NEW REGULAR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS FORMED AS A RESULT OF GENERAL ELECTIONS WHICH MUST TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NOT LATER THAN THE END OF THE YEAR 1976.

PART TWO

JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL

ARTICLE V

ACCORDING TO PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 6 AND 8 OF THE AGREEMENT, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL AND ITS SUPPORTING STAFF WILL BE DONE IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

A. THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL WILL CONSIST OF THE CHAIRMAN, TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN, A STANDING COMMITTEE,  
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AND REGULAR MEMBERS--FOR A TOTAL OF 42 PEOPLE, MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO SIDES PLUS QUALIFIED PERSONS WHO SUPPORT PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY AND DEMOCRACY AGREED TO BY BOTH SIDES. THESE ARE:

- VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE - 16 PEOPLE
- PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE - 16 PEOPLE
- QUALIFIED PERSONS
- AGREED TO BY BOTH SIDES - 10 PEOPLE

B. BETWEEN THE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL, THE STANDING COMMITTEE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ROUTINE WORK. THE STANDING COMMITTEE WILL BE COMPOSED OF 10 PEOPLE, WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH SIDE. IT INCLUDES: A CHAIRMAN WHO BELONGS TO THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE; TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN--OF THESE, ONE VICE-CHAIRMAN FROM THE PATRIOTIC FORCES IS AT THE SAME TIME THE SECRETARY GENERAL, ONE VICE-CHAIRMAN IS FROM THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE; AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL HAS 7 MEMBERS: 3 FROM THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE AND 4 FROM THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE.

C. THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL HAS SIX COMMITTEES:

- COMMITTEE OF THE SECRETARIAT, ASSISTING THE CHAIRMAN IN DIRECTING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL AND FACILITATING THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THEIR RESEARCH, GATHERING OF INFORMATION, PLANNING THEIR PROGRAMS, AND COORDINATING THE WORK OF ALL THE COMMITTEES.

- COMMITTEE OF POLITICS, LAW AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.

- COMMITTEE OF PEACE AND DEFENSE.

- COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

- COMMITTEE OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE.

- COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

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IN ADDITION, THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL HAS AN OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHAIRMAN, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL SHOULD BE SEPARATED INTO THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

D. THE NAMES OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE ON A SEPARATE LIST.

ARTICLE VI

PRINCIPLES AND WORK PROCEDURES OF THE JOINT NATIONAL  
POLITICAL COUNCIL:

A. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN,  
SECRETARY GENERAL, AND MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, AS  
WELL AS REGULATIONS FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF JOINT NATIONAL  
POLITICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, REGULAR  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, WILL BE OUTLINED BY THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE AND THEN SUBMITTED TO THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL  
COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

B. THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL CARRIES OUT  
ITS WORK ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND DISCUSSION UNTIL  
MUTUAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED. IN THE ABSENCE OF TOTAL UN-  
ANIMITY, DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE.  
THE STANDING COMMITTEE WILL FUNCTION ON THE BASIS OF  
UNANIMITY BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

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C. THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETS EVERY SIX (6) MONTHS. MEETINGS SHOULD NOT LAST MORE THAN ONE MONTH. IN THE EVENT THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IS NEEDED, THE STANDING COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE AND SET UP THE MEETING.

D. MEMBERS OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL HAVE THE DUTY TO PAY GSITS TO THE POPULATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO LEARN THEIR DESIRES AND OPINIONS  
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AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL.

E. IN CASE A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL IS TEMPORARILY ABSENT OR UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING, THE SIDE CONCERNED SHOULD APPOINT ITS OWN SUBSTITUTE. IF ANY VACANCY OCCURS IN EITHER SIDE FOR ANY REASON, THAT SIDE SHOULD APPOINT ITS OWN REPLACEMENT. REPLACEMENT OF "QUALIFIED PERSONS" WILL BE ON BASIS OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF TWO SIDES.

#### ARTICLE VII

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION:

A. BOTH THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION ARE ESTABLISHED ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE, AND BY ROYAL DECREE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING, AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLES 7 AND 8 OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION ARE TWO INDEPENDENT AND EQUAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CLOSELY AND REGULARLY COOPERATE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY WITH THE SUPPORT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION MUST KEEP EACH OTHER REGULARLY INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF THEIR WORK AND ASSIST ONE ANOTHER IN THE SOLUTION OF NATIONAL PROBLEMS.

B. IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 8 OF THE AGREEMENT, THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL HAS THE DUTY TO DELIBERATE AND FURNISH OPINIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERN-



MENT OF NATIONAL UNION ON MAJOR QUESTIONS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NATION AND TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE TWO SIDES IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER SUCCESSFULLY TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, EXAMINE AND AGREE ON, OR SUGGEST AMENDMENTS TO, LAWS AND ELECTION PROCEDURES, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND COLLABORATE WITH THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION IN ARRANGING THE ELECTIONS TO ELECT A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION TAKES THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL'S SUGGESTIONS INTO CONSIDERATION AND SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENTS THEM. IN CASE OF DISAGREEMENT, THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION MUST PROVIDE CLEAR AND ADEQUATE EXPLANATIONS TO THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL.

C. NATIONAL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NATION WILL BE MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL OR ITS STANDING COMMITTEE AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION. IF NECESSARY, A MEETING MAY BE HELD BETWEEN THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL.

D. THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL HAS ITS OWN BUDGET FOR VARIOUS EXPENDITURES WHICH IS ALLOTTED BY THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET AND DISBURSED BY THE NATIONAL TREASURY.

#### ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME PRIVILEGES ACCORDED TO DEPUTIES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

#### PART THREE IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE PEOPLE

#### ARTICLE IX

TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 1 (D) OF THE AGREEMENT, CONCERNING RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE PEOPLE, BOTH SIDES PLEDGE:

A. TO CONFINE TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION FULL AUTHORITY TO ABOLISH OR ADJUST ALL LAWS, UNCLASSIFIED

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REGULATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS PROHIBITING THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE PEOPLE, AS STIPULATED IN ARTICLE 1 (D) OF THE AGREEMENT.

B. TO CONFINE TO THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXAMINING, REVISING AND AMENDING THE LAW OF 1957, PERTAINING TO CIVIL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, TO ADAPT IT TO THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COUNTRY.

AFTER THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION HAVE MADE AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW AND FOLLOWING ITS PROCLAMATION BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING, THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION HAS THE DUTY TO ANNOUNCE IT IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THE ENTIRE POPULATION WILL BE AWARE OF ITS EXISTENCE AND TOGETHER CARRY IT OUT.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL MUST HOLD GENERAL ELECTIONS IN A DEMOCRATIC MANNER IN ORDER TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN ALL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND MAKE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS SO THAT ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD IN A TRULY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC FASHION TO ELECT A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO IMPLEMENT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND TO UNIFY THE COUNTRY.

C. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE ENTIRE POPULATION MUST BE ENCOURAGED AND GUARANTEED TO FREELY EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS IN NATIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS RELATING TO PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY, DEMOCRACY, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION OF THE KINGDOM, AND THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE PEOPLE, AS STIPULATED IN ARTICLE 1(D) OF THE AGREEMENT. EQUAL RIGHTS BETWEEN VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS AND BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN MUST BE PROMOTED AND GUARANTEED. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL MUST HAVE CLEAR PROCEDURES TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD TO FLEE DURING THE WAR TO REMAIN OR TO RETURN TO THEIR PLACES OF ORIGIN, ACCORDING TO THEIR WISHES, SO THAT THEY CAN EARN THEIR LIVING AND BRING THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING BACK TO NORMAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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D. IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ALL PERSONS, ORGANIZATIONS, TROOPS, POLICE, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REGARDLESS OF NATURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR AUTHORITY TO HINDER THE POPULATION IN EXERCISING ITS DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS IN TERMS OF EXPRESSING OPINIONS IN NATIONAL AFFAIRS. IT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED TO ENDANGER THE LIVES, PROPERTY, AND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE. ANY ACT BY EITHER A PERSON OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT VIOLATES THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.

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PART FOUR

NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE

ARTICLE X

TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 9 OF THE AGREEMENT, GUARANTEEING THE SECURITY AND FACILITATING ALL MOVEMENTS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL, AS WELL AS OFFICIALS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF BOTH SIDES, AND TO CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, THE PRESERVATION OF DURABLE PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION,

THE NEUTRALIZATION OF THE CITIES OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES: PEOPLE FROM BOTH SIDES WHO ARE IN THE TWO CITIES MUST HAVE GUARANTEED PROTECTION FROM ANY DANGER; BOTH SIDES ARE JOINTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND SECURITY OF THE TWO CITIES, SO THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES ARE TRULY NEUTRAL, AND THE TWO CITIES RECEIVE PROTECTION FROM THE FORCES OF BOTH SIDES.

A. THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE MUST CORRECTLY, INTEGRALLY AND SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND PROCEDURES TO MAKE THE TWO CITIES NEUTRAL, AND VIGOROUSLY APPLY FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS FOR THE PEOPLE; USE EVERY MEANS TO PREVENT THE VIOLATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE, TO DISMANTLE EVERY INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND EXPEL IMMEDIATELY FROM THE TWO CITIES SPIES (5TH COLUMN) OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHO CONSTITUTE OBSTACLES TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND PEACE OF THE TWO CITIES, AS WELL AS FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL. THE PREFECTS AND DEPUTY PREFECTS OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE AND THE CHAO MUONGS AND DEPUTY CHAO MUONGS OF THESE TWO CITIES SHOULD BE PEOPLE WHO FAVOR PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY, AND DEMOCRACY, WHO ARE AGREED UPON BY THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCIA)

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B. IN THE TWO CITIES, THE TWO SIDES WILL ESTABLISH A JOINT POLICE FORCE, COMPOSED BY THE TWO PARTIES OF FORCES IN EQUAL NUMBER: IN VIENTIANE, THERE WILL BE 1,000 POLICEMEN FROM EACH SIDE, AND IN LUANG PRABANG, 500 FROM EACH SIDE.

THE JOINT POLICE FORCE WILL CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

-- PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL IN THEIR MOVEMENTS AND THE CARRYING OUT OF THEIR WORK, AND FOR MEETINGS AND VARIOUS CEREMONIES ATTENDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL.  
-- PATROLLING, INSPECTING, GUARDING, AND PERFORMING OTHER ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE TWO CITIES, AND IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE PEOPLE,

INSPECTING AND SUPERVISING THE ENTRY AND EXIT  
TO AND FROM THE CITY OF ALIENS, PROTECTING  
THE AIRPORTS, DEPOTS AND PROPERTIES  
OF THE NATION AND OF THE PEOPLE.  
-- FOLLOWING UP, INTERROGATING, INVESTIGATING  
CASES INVOLVING TRICKS AND ACTS OF SABOTAGE  
OR OF OVERTHROWING THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT  
OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL  
POLITICAL COUNCIL, AND OTHER CASES ENDANGER-  
ING LIVES OF LEADING MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE  
TWO SIDES, AND ALL CASES OF SCHEMES AND ACTIONS  
WHICH VIOLATE THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE  
PEOPLE IN THE TWO CITIES.

C. IN THESE TWO CITIES, EACH SIDE SHALL ESTABLISH  
ITS OWN MILITARY FORCES OF EQUAL NUMBER AND ARMAMENT,  
SHALL JOINTLY PROTECT THE TWO CITIES, AND SHALL PREVENT  
PLOTS AND INSURRECTIONS FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT.

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THE FORCES FOR SECURING VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG  
ARE THE FOLLOWING:

VIENTIANE:

VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE - ONE BATTALION.  
PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE - ONE BATTALION, INCLUDING  
THE EXISTING COMPANY.

LUANG PRABANG:

VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE - TWO COMPANIES.  
PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE - TWO COMPANIES.

FORCES WILL BE CONTROLLED SEPARATELY BY EACH SIDE,  
BUT THE COMMAND STAFF OF THE PROTECTIVE FORCES OF THE TWO  
SIDES MUST CONSULT IN UNANIMITY (SIC) CONCERNING JOINT  
PLANS TO PROTECT THE TWO CITIES.

D. EXCEPT FOR THE JOINT POLICE FORCES AND THE  
PROTECTIVE FORCES OF THE TWO SIDES SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE  
10 (B) AND (C), THE ROYAL PALACE GUARD AND SOLDIERS WHO  
WORK IN MILITARY OFFICES AGREED UPON BY THE TWO SIDES IN  
THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT, OTHER  
ARMED FORCES--SUCH AS REGULAR SOLDIERS OF ALL RANKS,  
FIELD POLICE, AND OTHER--SHALL WITHDRAW FROM WITHIN THE  
LIMITS OF THE TWO CITIES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ARTILLERY  
AND MECHANIZED UNITS MUST BE WITHDRAWN FARTHER THAN THE  
OTHERS FROM THE TWO CITIES. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO  
IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE ACTUAL WITH-  
DRAWAL OF EACH CATEGORY OF THESE FORCES. ALL FULLY-ARMED  
AND PARTIALLY-ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE NO DUTY TO GUARD AND  
PROTECT LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE ARE PROHIBITED MOVE-

MENT THROUGH THE TWO CITIES, EXCEPT WHEN NECESSARY TO GO  
TO THE AIRPORTS OF THE TWO CITIES IN ORDER TO GO TO, OR  
WORK IN, ANOTHER PLACE; BUT THIS MUST BE CONTROLLED BY  
THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT.

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E. NO COMBAT AIRCRAFT OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN  
THE AIR SPACE OF THE TWO CITIES.

F. THE CLOSE PROTECTION AND GUARDING OF RESIDENTIAL  
AREAS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF  
NATIONAL UNION AND OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL  
OF EITHER SIDE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FORCES OF THAT  
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SIDE, AS STIPULATED IN (B) AND (C) ABOVE.;

&. TO PROTECT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LIVES OF THE  
PATRIOTIC FORCES IN THE TWO CITIES, THEY BE ALLOWED TO

USE THEIR OWN MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY ROUTE  
BY LAND AND AIR WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE JOINT CENTRAL  
COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT.

H. IN THE TWO CITIES, THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE  
HAS SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL AND MILITARY QUARTERS. AT THE  
AIRPORTS OF THE TWO CITIES, THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE  
SHALL HAVE A SPECIAL AREA FOR THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT, IN-  
CLUDING QUARTERS FOR THE FORCES GUARDING THEIR AIRCRAFT.

I. THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE  
AGREEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG  
PRABANG AND VIENTIANE, AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT  
FORCES THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY RESPONSIBLE TO SEE THAT THE  
MEASURES FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION AND SECURITY OF THE TWO  
CITIES ARE FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

J. ALL PROVISIONS OF PART FOUR MUST BE SIMULTANEOUSLY  
IMPLEMENTED ALONG WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITI-  
CAL COUNCIL.

PART FIVE  
CEASEFIRE

ARTICLE XI

TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF  
PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN LAOS, TO MAKE THE  
FEBRUARY 1973 CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT TRULY EFFECTIVELY  
THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM, ALL ARMED FORCES COMMANDS OF THE  
TWO SIDES IN LAOS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING INSTRUCTIONS  
TO ALL UNITS OF REGULAR FORCES AND TO ARMED POLICE FORCES  
OF THEIR SIDE TO STRICTLY RESPECT AND CARRY OUT THE CEASE-  
FIRE ORDERS AND TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION  
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OF PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, AS WELL AS EVERY  
RELEVANT ARTICLE ON THIS PROTOCOL.

ARTICLE XII

TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 2 OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE  
RESTORATION OF PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN LAOS,  
IN THE AREAS WHERE THERE IS FIGHTING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES  
FOR CONTROL OF TERRITORY, THERE MUST BE TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE

MARKERS EMPLACED IN ORDER TO SEPARATE THE FORCES OF THE TWO SIDES TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS. THESE TEMPORARY MARKERS WILL BE REMOVED WHEN THE TWO SIDES ARE RECONCILED.  
THE TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE MARKERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HOUKHONG (NAM THA) PROVINCE  
ONE MARKER: BAN PUNG AREA

SAYABOURY PROVINCE  
ONE MARKER: HONG SA AREA

LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE  
THREE MARKERS: PAK OU AREA  
BO HE (PAK SEUANG) AREA  
HOUEI LONG VAI AREA

XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE  
SIX MARKERS: PHOU SOUNG - NA NAN AREA  
BAN NA AREA  
AREA EAST OF SAO PHAN  
CHOM CHIANG AREA  
MUONG OM AREA  
PA DONG AREA

VIENTIANE PROVINCE - PAKSANE  
THREE MARKERS: PHOU SE AREA  
MUONG CAO BORIKANE AREA  
PA KA DING AREA

KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE  
TWO MARKERS: KHOUA SOUNG HONG AREA  
KOUAN PHA VANG (ROUTE 12) AREA  
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SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE  
FOUR MARKERS: BAN PHAI AREA  
NA CHAN AREA  
WEST OF PHALANE  
SONG KHON AREA

SARAVANE AND WAPIKHAMTHONG PROVINCES  
TWO MARKERS: SAPHAT-BEUNGKHAM AREA  
KHONG SEDONE AREA

SEDONE PROVINCE/BOLOVENS  
THREE MARKERS: KENG NIAO AREA  
BAN YTOV (ROUTE 23) AREA  
BAN HOUEI PHAT (SOUTH OF LAO NGAM) AREA

SITHANDONE PROVINCE  
TWO MARKERS: NA LAN - PHA PHO AREA  
BAN BOUN AREA



TOTAL.....27 MARKERS

THE EXACT SPOT OF THE MARKERS IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED  
AREAS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO  
IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND THEY WILL BE RECORDED ON THE MAP  
AT THE SCALE OF 1/250,000 THAT IS HEREWITH ATTACHED. (NOTE:  
NO REPEAT NO MAP WAS DISTRIBUTED WITH TEXTS TODAY.)

B. IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY, THE JOINT COMMISSION  
TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT WILL ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL  
TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE MARKERS IN AREAS WHERE THE ARMED FORCES  
OF THE TWO SIDES ARE IN CONFLICT AND MUST BE SEPARATED IN  
ORDER TO AVOID ANY FIGHTING THAT MIGHT OCCUR, ON THE PRINCIPLE  
OF USING THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY EACH SIDE AS A BASIS.

WHILE WAITING FOR THE CLEAR DETERMINATION OF THE  
TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE MARKER BY THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPL-  
MENT THE AGREEMENT, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO SIDES  
MUST MEET TO DISCUSS AND FIND EFFECTIVE WAYS TO STOP AND  
PREVENT FIGHTING BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE TWO SIDES.

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ARTICLE XIII

IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THE TOTAL AND DEFINITIVE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASEFIRE-IN-PLACE:

A. THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE,  
WHICH ARE PRESENTLY OCCUPYING AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE  
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VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE, OR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE, WHICH ARE STATIONED IN THE AREAS  
CONTROLLED BY THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE, MUST STRICTLY  
COMPLY WITH ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF THE AGREEMENT AND RESPECT  
EACH OTHER'S AREA OF CONTROL.

B. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT  
WILL DETERMINE THE LIMITS OF THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE  
PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE AND THE LIMITS OF THE POSITIONS OF  
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE AS  
SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH A ABOVE.

C. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT  
WILL ALSO DETERMINE THE ROUTES OF COMMUNICATION TO FACILITATE  
TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY FO THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY  
THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE WITHIN THE ZONE CONTROLLED BY  
THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND DETERMINE THE AIR SUPPLY  
ROUTES TO THE POSITIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE VIENTIANE  
GOVERNMENT SIDE THROUGH THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE PATRIOTIC  
FORCES SIDE.

D. BOTH SIDES AGREE TO RESTORE THE MOVEMENT OF THE  
PEOPLE ALONG LAND AND WATER ROUTES; FOR INSTANCE ROUTE 13 AND  
THE MEKONG RIVER OVER STRETCHES UNDER EACH SIDES' CONTROL  
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION THROUGH-  
OUT THE COUNTRY. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE  
AGREEMENT WILL TAKE THIS PROBLEM UNDER CONSIDERATION.

ARTICLE XIV

TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF THE AGREEMENT, BE-  
GINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CEASEFIRE:

A. MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND MOVEMENTS OF MILITARY  
PERSONNEL WHICH CONSTITUTE HOSTILE ACTS, INCLUDING  
BANDITRY, SUPPRESSION, ARMED ACTIVITY, AND ESPIONAGE

ON LAND AND BY AIR BY ONE SIDE WITH THE INTENTION TO  
ATTACK, DESTROYE, ANNEX, VIOLATE OR THREATEN TO VIOLATE  
THE ZONE OF THE OTHER SIDE ARE FORBIDDEN.

B. MOVEMENTS BY AIR FORCES, INCLUDING RECONNAISSANCE  
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AND SUPPLY FLIGHTS BY ONE SIDE WHICH VIOLATE THE AIR SPACE  
OF THE OTHER SIDE'S ZONE, ARE FORBIDDEN UNTIL THE DETERMINA-  
TION OF THE ROUTE HAS BEEN MADE OFFICIALY AND IN CASE  
SUPPLY FLIGHTS OF FOODSTUFFS FOR ONE SIDE MUST PASS THROUGH  
THE AIR SPACE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE OTHER SIDE, THE  
JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT WILL DETERMINE  
FLIGHT PATH FOR EACH FLIGHT.

C. IT IS FORBIDDEN TO USE ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING  
ARMED POLICE, TO ATTACK, SUPPRESS, THREATEN, TAKE REVENGE,  
OR TAKE DISCRIMINATORY ACTIION AGAINST PERSONS WHO HAVE  
COOPERATED WITH THE OPPOSITE SIDE DURING THE WAR, OR TO  
ENDANGER THE LIVES, PROPERTIES AND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

PART SIX  
WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM LAOS

ARTICLE XV

TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 1(B), ARTICLE 2(A), AND ARTICLE  
4 OF THE AGREEMENT:

A. ALL TROOPS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL OF FOREIGN  
COUNTIRES, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE HIDDEN IN EMBASSIES AND  
CONSULATES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN LAOS, EXCEPT FOR THOSE  
ON THE LISTS OF EMBASSIES RECOGNIZED BY THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION, MUST LEAVE LAOS.

B. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT  
WILL PREPARE A PLAN FOR THE WITHDRAWAL FROM LAOS OF TROOPS  
AND MILITARY PERSONNEL OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES, EXCEPT FOR  
THOSE PROVIDED FOR IN THE 1954 AND 1962 GENEVA ACCORDS ON  
LAOS. THIS PLAN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE STAGES. EACH  
STAGE WILL BE 20 DAYS APART AND ALL MUST BE COMPLETED NO  
LATER THAN 60 DAYS COUNTING FROM THE DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE  
JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL.

ARTICLE XVI

A. TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 3(D) OF THE AGREEMENT,  
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IT IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN FOR MILITARY FORCES OF EITHER SIDE

TO RECEIVE ARMS AND WAR MATERIAL OF ANY KIND FROM  
FOREIGN COUNTRIES. IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY TO REPLACE  
DAMAGED OR WORN-OUT WEAPONS OR WAR MATERIAL, BOTH SIDES  
MUST CONSULT AND ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT.

B. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION  
OR THE DEFINITIVE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION, MUST, WHEN  
IT  
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PART SEVEN  
RETURN OF SOLDIERS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CAPTURED AND  
IMPRISONED DURING THE WAR AND SEARCH FOR PERSONS  
MISSING IN THE WAR

ARTICLE XVIII

TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 5 OF THE AGREEMENT:  
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A. THE RETURN OF ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY THAT WERE CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED FOR COOPERATING WITH THE OTHER SIDE DURING THE WAR WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THREE STAGES AND COMPLETED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.

B. THE RETURN OF PRISONERS AT EACH STAGE FROM EACH SIDE WILL BE REPORTED BY NUMBER OF PERSONS (TO BE RETURNED) BY GROUPING LOCATION AND TIME TO JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT FORTY-EIGHT(48) HOURS IN ADVANCE.

C. WITHIN 15 TO 30 DAYS, COUNTING FROM THE DATE OF SIGNING OF THIS PROTOCOL, EACH SIDE WILL REPORT THE NUMBER OF THOSE CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED TO THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT, INDICATING NATIONALITY AND WHETHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, TOGETHER WITH A LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY.

D. AFTER THEIR RETURN OF THE PRISONERS IS COMPLETED, EACH SIDE MUST REPORT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT INFORMATION IT IS ABLE TO OBTAIN ABOUT PERSONS MISSING DURING THE WAR REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY.

E. THE RETURN OF THOSE CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED DURING THE WAR AND THE GATHERING OF INFORMATION THAT EACH SIDE WILL SUBMIT ABOUT THE PERSONS MISSING DURING THE WAR IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT.  
WHEN BOTH SIDES IN THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY, THEY MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION (SIC). (NOTE: BOTH LPF AND RLG FRENCH TEXTS STIPULATE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE.)

PART EIGHT  
ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE WHO HAD TO FLEE DURING THE WAR

ARTICLE XIX  
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TO IMPLEMENT THE LAST PART OF ARTICLE 3(C) OF THE AGREEMENT, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND THE PATRIOTIC FORCES SIDE HAVE AGREED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO HAD TO FLEE DURING THE WAR HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHETHER THEY WISH TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE OR FREELY

TO RETURN TO THEIR OLD VILLAGES WITHOUT ANYONE EXERCISING THIS AUTHORITY TO THREATEN OR HINDER THEM IN ANY WAY. BOTH SIDES WILL USE EVERY MEANS TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY TO HELP THEM TO REMAIN WHERE THEY ARE OR RETURN TO THEIR OLD VILLAGES EASILY IN ORDER TO EARN A LIVING AND HAVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS RETURN TO NORMAL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

ARTICLE XX

THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT WILL ESTABLISH JOINT GROUPS EXPLICITLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PROBLEM TO COOPERATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL IN HOLDING LOCAL CONSULTATIONS SEEKING EFFECTIVE WAYS TO APPROPRIATELY MEET THE PEOPLE'S DESIRES AND HELP TO CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THEM TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE OR RETURN TO THEIR OLD VILLAGES AND HAVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS RETURN TO NORMA AND RAPIDLY IMPROVE.

PART NINE

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, THE SUPERVISION OF INSPECTION AND OTHER MATTERS

ARTICLE XXI

A. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 11 OF THE AGREEMENT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND OF THIS PROTOCOL IS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF TWO LAO PARTIES. BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AT VIENTIANE, CALLED IN ABBREVIATED FORM, THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

B. THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS THE DUTY OF CORRINATING THE WORK BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN IMPLEMENTING AND ADVISING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARTICLES  
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OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION AND OF THE ARTICLES OF THIS PROTOCOL, SPECIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

- THE ARTICLES CONCERNING THE NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE: THE ARTICLES CONCERNING THE CEASEFIRE; THE ARTICLES CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM LAOS;
- THE ARTICLES CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN TROOPS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, WEAPONS AND OTHER WAR MATERIAL INTO LAOS, AND OTHER ARTICLES CONCERNING MILITARY AFFAIRS.
- ARTICLES CONCERNING IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS TO FREEDOM; CONCERNING NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO AREAS; AND THIS CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION

OF REPRISAL AND REVENGE AGAINST THOSE WHO COOPERATED WITH  
THE OTHER SIDE DURING THE WAR; AND  
- ARTICLES CONCERNING AIDING WAR REFUGEES IN RETURNING  
TO THEIR FORMER VILLAGES AND OTHER MATTERS.  
THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT HAS THE DUTY  
TO TRACE, SEARCH OUT, INVESTIGATE AND CORRECT VIOLATIONS OF  
THE ARTICLES OF THE AGREEMENT AND OF THIS PROOSCOL.

THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGRDGMET ALSO HAS  
THE DUTY OF COORDINATING THE TWO SIDES IN IMPLEMENTING AND  
ADVISING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT FOLLOWING THE  
OTHER GUIDELINES TO WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED.

C. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT CONSISTS  
OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TWO SIDES. THE  
GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH SIDE HAS ONE CHIEF, ONE  
DEPUTY CHIEF, AND FIVER OTHER MEMBERS.

D. THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANTS, SPECIALISTS AND SECURITY  
PERSONNEL FOR EACH GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR EACH SIDE  
WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT  
THE AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED.

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ARTICLE XXII

A. DEPENDING ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF IMPLEMENTING  
THE AGREEMENT, THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT  
WILL ESTABLISH JOINT MOBILE GROUPS.

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B. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 10 OF THE PROTOCOL,  
THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT WILL ESTABLISH  
TWO JOINT GROUPS RESPONSIBLE SPECIALLY FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF  
LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE; THE JOINT GROUP RESPONSIBLE  
FOR EACH CITY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THAT CITY.

C. EACH OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED JOINT GROUPS WHICH  
CONSIST OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH  
SIDE--THAT IS THREE PEOPLE FROM EACH SIDE, ONE OF WHOM  
IS THE CHIEF. (NOTE: FROM LAO OR FRENCH TEXTS, UNCLEAR  
WHETHER IT'S EACH SIDE OR EACH COMMISSION WHICH IS TO HAVE  
A CHIEF.)

D. THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANTS AND SECURITY PERSONNEL  
FOR EACH SIDE FOR EACH JOINT GROUP CANNOT EXCEED 20  
PEOPLE FOR EACH SIDE.

ARTICLE XXIII

A. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT  
AND THE VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS WILL OPERATE ACCORDING TO  
PRINCIPLES OF CONSULTATION UNTIL THEY REACH UNANIMITY, IN  
THE SPIRIT OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT. IN THE EVENT  
OF NOT REACHING UNANIMITY, EACH SIDE WILL REPORT TO THE  
SUPREME HEAD OF HIS SIDE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN ORDER TO  
FIND THE MEANS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM PROMPTLY.

B. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT  
AND THE JOINT GROUPS (UNITS) WILL MEET TOGETHER AT REGULAR  
SPECIFIED TIMES. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH SIDE IN THE  
JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND IN THE  
VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CALL SPECIAL  
MEETINGS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREE-  
MENT AND OF THE VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS IN ORDER TO CONSULT ON  
MEASURES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SITUATION PROMPTLY.



ARTICLE XXIV

A. BOTH SIDES HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GUARANTEEING THE SAFETY, AND OF ASSISTING IN PROVIDING FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONVENIENCE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND OF OTHER JOINT GROUPS WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES. WHEN THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND THE VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED MOVE WITHIN THE AREAS OF INSPECTION OF A SIDE, THAT SIDE HAS THE DUTY OF BEING ABSOLUTELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SAFETY AND, IN ADDITION TO THAT, FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING, VARIOUS SUPPLIES, OR NECESSARY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND FACILITIES FOR WORK, AND CREATING ALL CONVENIENT CONDITIONS FOR THEIR WORK AND LING

B. THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND THE VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS, THE STAFF OF THE COMMISSION AND THE VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS HAVE ALL THE SAME PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS AS DIPLOMATS AND DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES. THE PERSONNEL OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND THE VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL TO MEET WITH THE PEOPLE AND TO MEET WITH REPORTERS FREELY.

C. THE PERSONNEL OF EACH SIDE IN THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND IN THE VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CARRY PISTOLS, WEAR UNIFORMS AND THE SPECIAL INSIGNIA OF THEIR SIDES. BESIDES THAT, THEY WILL BEAR A SPECIAL COMMON INSIGNIA WHICH WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT. WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES, THE SECURITY FORCES OF EACH SIDE IN THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND IN THE VARIOUS JOINT GROUPS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CARRY NECESSARY WEAPONS ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE XXV

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 12 OF THE AGREEMENT, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION (NOTE: HERE AND FOLLOWING IN LAO TEXT THIS APPEARS AS IN ARTICLE XVIII E, BUT HEREAFTER WE TRANSLATE AS ICC) WILL CONTINUE ITS OPERATION THROUGH CLOSE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND ITS PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFINED IN THE PROTOCOL OF THE GENEVA ACCORDS OF 1962  
IN REGARD TO LAOS.

A. THE ICC WILL CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES IN THE SUPER-  
VISION AND INSPECTION OF THE CEASEFIRE IN LAOS WITH THE  
AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARTIES IN LAOS, BECAUSE THE IMPE-  
MENTATION OF THE CEASEFIRE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF  
BOTH PARTIES IN LAOS. THE ICC WILL PERFORM ITS DUTIES  
IN THE SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION OF THE CEASEFIRE IN  
CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT  
THE AGREEMENT WITHIN THE GUIDELINES DEFINED BY THE ARTICLES  
RELATING TO THE CEASEFIRE WHICH THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED  
UPON ALREADY.

B. THE ICC WILL SUPERVISE AND INSPECT THE WITHDRAWAL  
OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM LAOS. THE  
INSPECTION TEAMS OF THE ICC WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED  
FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE WILL BE PRESENT AT THE PLACE OF  
TROOPS WITHDRAWAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DAY AND TIME OF  
WHICH THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT SHALL  
INFORM THEM AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

C. THE ICC WILL INVESTIGATE CASES WHERE THERE IS  
SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THAT THERE HAS BEEN A  
VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 2(A) AND GKB) AND ARTICLE 3(D) OF  
THE AGREEMENT WITH THE AGREEMENT OR JOINT REQUEST OF  
BOTH SIDES OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT.

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D. THE ICC WILL OPERATE ACCORDING TO ITS RIGHTS  
AND DUTIES AS DEFINED IN THE PROTOCOL I UETHE GENEVA  
ACCORDS OF 1962 RELATING TO LAOS AND AS FURTHER CLARIFIED  
IN ARTICLE 25 (A), (B) AND (C) OF THIS PROTOCOL IN CLOSE  
COOPERATION WITH THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE  
AGREEMENT. WHILE THE ICC IS PERFORMING ITS DUTIES,  
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VARIOUS INSPECTION TEAMS OF THESE #  
IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO THEM AND  
USE ALL MEANS NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF THE  
ICC OR THE VARIOUS INSPECTION TEAMS OF THE ICC DURING  
THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

E. FURTHERMORE, THE ICC SHALL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY  
ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION TO THE TWO LAO PARTIES IN OTHER  
WORK USEFUL IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT, PROMOTING PEACE  
AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN LAOS IN RESPONSE TO THE  
UNANIMOUS REQUEST OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT  
THE AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE XXVI

BOTH PARTIES SHALL ENCOURAGE THE PROVISIONAL GOVERN-  
MENT OF NATIONAL UNION TO IMPLEMENT SUCCESSFULLY ARTICLE  
10 (C) OF THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 21, 1973.

ARTICLE XXVII

BOTH PARTIES HAVE PROMISED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREE-  
MENT IN REGARD TO PROMOTING PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIA-  
TION IN LAOS AND TO IMPLEMENT STRICTLY THIS PROTOCOL AND  
SHALL CONTINUE TO CONSULT TOGETHER IN REGARD TO TRUE AND  
SINCERE PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL ARTICLES  
WHICH HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND FOR PREVENTING AND CORRECTING

VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND OF THIS PROTOCOL PROMPTLY  
AND PROPERLY, AND AT THE SAME TIME CONTINUE TO CONSULT  
AND ADVISE TO SOLVE APPROPRIATELY PROBLEMS WHICH STILL  
REMAIN IN THE SPIRIT OF EQUALITY AND WITH MUTUAL RESPECT  
AND IN CONCORD.

ARTICLE XXVIII

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT

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